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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 November 2006.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 56-68 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 56-68 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 01 June 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment/Arguments

1. This Office Action is in response to the RCE filed on November 3rd, 2006. Claims 1-55 are now canceled and new claims 56-68 are added. Claims 56-68 are now pending in the application.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 67 and 68 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In page 5 of the Amendments to the Claims, the number of second claim “67” is a typographical error; it should be correct to -- 69 --.

In page 6 of the Amendments to the Claims, the number of second claim “68” is a typographical error; it should be correct to -- 70 --.

Appropriate corrections are required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

3. Claims 56-68 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101, because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 56-68 are drawn to a method of “forming data units” or ‘data structure’ in a radio link control layer of a communication device, that merely manipulates

data units (for example see claim 56, “providing a header ...; and providing ... length indicator ..., wherein a second length indicator ... is not included in the current data unit ... is exactly filled ... and the previous data unit of the lower layer has a first length indicator ... of the upper layer”; and so as claims 63 and 67) or an abstract idea, without a limitation to a practical application in the technological arts.

In order for a claimed invention to accomplish a practical application, it must produce a “useful, concrete and tangible result” *State Street*, 149 F.3d at 1373, 47 USPQ2d at 1601-02 (see MPEP 2106.II.A). A practical application can be achieved through recitation of “a physical transformation outside the communication device for which a practical application in the technological arts is either disclosed in the specification or would have been known to a skilled artisan”, or “limited to a practical application within the technological arts” (MPEP 2106 IVB2(b)). Currently, claims 56-68 meet neither of these criteria. In order to for the claimed process to produce a “useful, concrete and tangible” result, recitation of one or more of the following elements is suggested:

- The manipulation of data that represents a physical object or activity transformed from outside the device (MPEP 2106 IVB2(b)(i)).
- A recitation of a physical transformations outside the device, for example in the form of pre or post device processing activity (MPEP 2106 IVB2(b)(i)).

A direct recitation of a practical application in the technological arts (MPEP 2106 IVB2(b)(ii)).

Response to Arguments

4. Claims 56, 63 and 67 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 101, set forth in this Office action.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri H. Phan, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3074. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi H. Pham can be reached on (571) 272-3179.

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Art Unit: 2616

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